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Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 21 November 2017
Applicant: Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation
Reference: NRA-2017-EL-002 UPS for Alarm and Communications System Arrangements
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project
Installation Name: Noble Regina Allen
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a).
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations, Section 12(3)(b)(ii)

Decision:

Noble Drilling Services (Canada) Corporation has requested a deviation from Section 12(3)(b)(ii) which requires a self-contained battery backup of at least one-hour duration for internal communications systems and general alarm systems.

Acceptance of the deviation is based on the rationale that the battery backup for these systems on the Noble Regina Allen are in accordance with 2009 IMO MODU Code and 2008 ABS MODU Rules. Additional considerations include arrangements for facility evacuation as well as the shutdown logic designed to isolate ignition sources and power systems in a controlled manner.

The Certifying Authority concurs that the proposal meets the requirements of Certificate of Fitness Regulations Section 4(2)(a)(ii).

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from Section 12(3)(b)(ii) of the Installation Regulations, and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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Chief Safety Officer